



How to Get Started and What Materials You Need:

Requesting Data for Research

If you are a researcher in need of confidential data, this document will walk you through the steps necessary to formalize your research study and submit a data request application. The sections and documents referenced below are contained on the MDE Evaluation and Strategic Research webpage at: www.mi.gov/mde-research.

1. First, view the publically available aggregate reports on MI School Data (<https://www.mischooldata.org>). MI School Data is your window to a wealth of data on Michigan's public school education system.
2. Second, view the MDE's Evaluation and Strategic Research section to familiarize yourself with the research agenda and our research goals/priorities, which can help you formalize your research study.
3. Third, view the Research Studies and Results section as well as the Partnerships and Consortiums section to help familiarize yourself with other studies like yours to aid in your analysis.
4. Lastly, read and complete the Confidential Data Request Application. Submit it to the address presented in the application or to MDE-Research@michigan.gov.